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ARRIVAL STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR MICHAEL MANSFIELD
TOKYO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
JUNE 7, 1977

I am especially happy to be here with you as United States Ambassador to Japan at this particular time in history. Never before have our two great countries shared so many common goals. Nor perhaps has the future presented us with so many common international challenges. It is my opinion -- indeed, it is my conviction -- that together we can meet those challenges. In my recent talks with President Carter, he stressed the importance that he personally attaches to sustaining the closest possible relationship between Japan and the United States. He regards such ties as the cornerstone of American foreign policy -- and as an essential part of any effort to solve the problems facing the world community. I share that view completely. And it will be one of my primary goals as Ambassador of the United States to consult fully and frankly with the Government of Japan in the hope of further deepening the spirit of cooperation that has come to mark the unique partnership between our two countries.

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